Don't Blank Out



rmorers, firing blanks from your M2 machine guns requires a bit of extra care if you don't want to cause yourself grief later.

You must install all of the blank firing attachment (BFA), including the cartridge guide assembly. The guide, which goes in the feed tracer, compensates for the shorter blank round. Without it, the M2 jams and gunners start hollering for you. If the guide is missing, order one with NSN 1005-01-092-9537.

Remember, you won't find anything on the BFA in the M2 TMs. It's covered by its own manual, TM 9-1005-314-12&P.

The cartridge stop must be removed to install the BFA. If the stop's removed in the field, you can bet your paycheck it won't make it back to the arms room. And without the stop, the M2 can't fire real ammo.

So stop disappearing stops by removing them in the arms room and keeping them there. Then they don't have a chance to disappear. When the M2 comes back to the arms room, remember to replace the cartridge stop.



